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8 April 1958

INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting Held in
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 8 April 1958

Director of Central Intelligence
Allen W. Dulles
Presiding*

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell
Presiding*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Hugh S. Cumming, Jr., * Director of Intelligence and Research,
Department of State
Mr. Robert H. Thayer, * acting for Director of Intelligence and
Research, Department of State
Major General Robert A. Schow, * Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Colonel Harry Lemley, * acting for Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
Department of the Army
Rear Admiral Laurence H. Frost, Director of Naval Intelligence,
Department of the Navy
Major General Millard Lewis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence,
United States Air Force
Brigadier General Richard Collins, Deputy Director for Intelligence,
The Joint Staff
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative
to the IAC
Mr. Ralph R. Roach, acting for Federal Bureau of Investigation
representative to the IAC

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1. New Chairman for Committee
on International Communism

The Chairman announced that Mr. Richard A. Johnson of the Department of State had been appointed to succeed Mr. Allan Evans as Chairman of this committee.

2. Approval of Minutes
1 April Meeting
(IAC-M-335)

Approved as written.

3. Situation Review

a. Watch Committee Report
No. 400

Noted.

b. Review of Sensitive Situations

The Chairman noted that the Indonesian situation remained sensitive. He and the members then discussed intelligence and information bearing on a buildup of Central Government forces for an amphibious invasion of Sumatra, the probable timing of any attack and the capabilities and will of the rebel forces to resist such an invasion. Mr. Cumming informed the members on the consensus of the recent meeting of US Ambassadors in Taipei with respect to the probable effects on anti-Communist forces in Asia of a defeat of the Indonesian rebels. During the course of this discussion the Chairman noted that he proposed to publish at an early date in the Central Intelligence Bulletin a review of pertinent order of battle information on air, sea and land forces in the area, and solicited the assistance of the military members in the preparation of this material.

Mr. Cumming and the Chairman referred briefly to the Tunisian situation. The members then exchanged views with Mr. Kent on recent developments in Cuba, particularly on matters such as the probable longevity of the Batista government, the nature and

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possible effect of the rebels' activities, and the political orientation of Castro, including the question of whether he was receiving support from left-wing elements or Communists.

4. Proposed Subject for Critical
Collection Problems Committee
Consideration
(IAC-D-117, 1 April)

The members reviewed in considerable detail various considerations bearing on General Schow's proposal. In particular, the proposal was discussed in the light of the general mission of the Critical Problems Collection Committee (CCPC) and the high priority Air Force project for the development of an earth satellite reconnaissance system which was already underway, including the steps planned or taken by the Air Force toward determining the intelligence requirements for such a system. After discussion it was agreed not to assign the mission suggested by General Schow to the CCPC at this time but to note his proposal with the understanding that he might raise this matter again at such a future date as he deemed appropriate. It was also noted that the Air Force would establish an ad hoc committee, which would include representatives of appropriate components of the intelligence community, to review the question of intelligence collection requirements in relation to the Air Force reconnaissance satellite project.

During the course of their consideration of this matter the members unanimously concurred in the view that the development of an earth satellite reconnaissance system was highly desirable and that it would significantly increase the intelligence collection capabilities of the US. In this connection, the Chairman informed the members as to the contents of a letter by Mr. Quarles to the Executive Secretary, NSC (in which the Chairman had formally concurred), which emphasized the importance of the development of such a system by the US.

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6. Coordination of Intelligence Activities
at 1958 Conference on Peaceful Uses
of Atomic Energy
(IAC-D-10/26, 3 April)

After exchanging views, the members noted this report and approved the actions recommended by JAEIC, as outlined in the report.

7. SNIE 30-1-58
Implications of Recent Governmental
Changes in Saudi Arabia

- a. Approved as amended.
- b. Noted the findings, as amended, and approved the action recommended in the post-mortem on this report.
- c. Agreed not to release this estimate to USIA.

8. Executive Session

At 1245 the Chairman requested an executive session. During the course of this session the members agreed to reexamine the validity of existing estimates on Soviet long-range bomber strength, in the light of evidence presently available, and to determine within a period of no longer than one month whether to initiate a special estimate on this subject on a crash basis.

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The members also noted and discussed with a
report by the Scientific Estimates Committee.

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ALSO PRESENT

Central Intelligence Agency

Mr. Robert Amory, Jr.

[Redacted]

Mr. Sherman Kent

Mr. Otto E. Guthe

[Redacted]

Department of State

Mr. Howard Wiedemann

Mr. Richard Sanger

Mr. William McAfee

Department of the Army

Lieutenant Colonel C. H. Pratt

Major Warrent Bovee

Dr. Virgil Johnson

Colonel H. J. Lemley

Department of the Navy

Captain W. S. Howell

Commander W. R. McClendon

Department of the Air Force

Colonel James F. Berry
Lieutenant Colonel Van A. Woods, Jr.
Major Marvin M. Glass
Mr. John A. Power

The Joint Staff

Colonel J. M. Pittman, USA

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Meffert Kuhrtz

Atomic Energy Commission

Dr. Charles Reichardt

GMIC

Colonel Earl McFarland